

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2021

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Tom Mooney, Stephanie Robinson, Tom Schneider, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Ann Pluemer

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director  
Michael Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present: None.

Chairman Wegert called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m., April 27, 2021. The meeting was held online via Zoom and livestreamed to YouTube with accommodations made for the public to attend as well.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion. Ayes, 6. Abstention, 1. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated the Commission is doing fine budget-wise. She also pointed out that the Commission has spent more than what is showing up on the first quarter report because it takes the County about two months to reconcile the credit card payments.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated she did not have anything else to add to the staff report. She said all is going well. Ms. Dougherty commented that she has had several calls from the public responding to an article in the paper about Manchester looking at annexations. Mr. Wegert stated he understood Pagedale was also precluded from doing traditional annexations this cycle because they had not submitted a map plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

## NEW BUSINESS.

### A. Crestwood vs Fire District Lawsuit

Mr. Hart reported that the Supreme Court finally ruled on the Crestwood vs Affton Fire District lawsuit. They denied Crestwood relief on all areas requested.

Mr. Hart summarized the lawsuit asked for a portion of the Boundary Commission law to be struck down as unconstitutional. The Supreme Court's decision affirmed the Boundary Commission law is constitutional.

### B. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

### C. Boundary Commission Website Presentation

Ms. Dougherty debuted the rebuilt Boundary Commission website. She was very excited because the Boundary Commission now has complete control over all its content and can make the changes in-house. In addition, users can now 'follow' proposals via the website where they would be notified via email anytime that proposal's web page is updated. Ms. Dougherty stated the next functionality she wants the website to have is for users to be able to follow cities and zip codes proactively. Currently, users must know there is a proposal at the Boundary Commission to follow it.

Chairman Wegert asked if they could make the clickable links a different color so it would be easily recognized as a link. Ms. Dougherty said she would ask the developers to make that change.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if the website information is cloud-based. Ms. Dougherty stated it was and the hosting provider is WP-Engine which is much faster than Go-Daddy.

Mr. Uchitelle asked how much this new website cost the Boundary Commission. Ms. Dougherty replied it was about \$8,000 which was a lot less than the other company's proposal.

Ms. Dougherty presented how the cities and St. Louis County can upload their map plans and proposals to the Boundary Commission website via a password-protected portal. She described that all the uploads remain in draft mode until "published" by the Commission.

Ms. Dougherty stated she is really pleased with the new functionality. Mr. Uchitelle asked if there is anyone else who can work the website. Ms. Dougherty stated she is working on the technical document relating to the website and assured the Commission that they would not be locked out of the website if something were to happen to her.

Mr. Schneider asked if the Chairman knew all the intricacies of the website. Chairman Wegert said he hoped it would all be in the technical specifications

document. Ms. Schweitzer stated since this is a WordPress site, there are IT people who know WordPress and can assist if something happens.

Chairman Wegert said the site is excellent and that all agencies should strive to have a website as transparent and user-friendly as the Commission's. Mr. Mooney commented that he thought the website is great. Mr. Uchitelle agreed with Mr. Mooney. Ms. Robinson said the website looked great.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Dougherty  
Executive Director

Approved: June 22, 2021